

# Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

October 14, 2015 – 5:30 PM – City Hall Conference Room B

**Present:** Dave Coady Gary Carlson, Robert McCarthy, Matthew Wolf, Jeffrey Kirk

**Absent:** Alderman Karen Elyea, Vickie Krueger

**Staff:** Andrew Pieri

**Other:** Interested Parties

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**Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Dave Coady**

## **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

5 members present and 2 are absent – Quorum.

## **Public Hearing**

None at this meeting

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the August 11, 2015 were presented for review. A **MOTION** was made by Robert McCarthy to **APPROVE** the minutes. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Matthew Wolf and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

### ***Certificate of Appropriateness – 307 Grove Street***

Rachel Sunday made application to grant a COA for her property located at 307 Grove Street. Ms. Sunday stated that she was obtaining a loan thru the City of Rockford to replace the siding on her home as well as soffit work and new windows on the front of the structure. She stated that she was not receiving enough funding to replace wood siding as that is what is primarily on the house with the exception of a small addition on the back of the home which is also vinyl. She would like to use vinyl siding if possible. Mr. Carlson stated that he was not comfortable with the vinyl siding but since there was an obvious financial hardship he would support the using vinyl siding on the structure.

A **MOTION** was made by Matthew Wolf to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Jeffrey Kirk and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

### ***Certificate of Appropriateness – 315 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street***

Alan Brown applied for a COA to enclose his yard with a picket fence he stated that the design as presented in his application has some minor changes including adding some gates. HPC staff has no comments.

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Matthew Wolf and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

### ***Certificate of Appropriateness – 509 Indian Terrace***

Peter Riggs made application for a COA for his son's home located at 509 Indian Terrace. The COA included a detached (1) car garage, partial fencing of the property along the north property line, and replacing existing slate tiles with metal roofing at a shed dormer. Applicant explained with the exception of the dormer repair, the garage and fence are needed to protect the property from problems associated with parties that occur at the adjoining property. Mr. Carlson said that a detached garage would not fit with the character of the other houses on Indian trail. Mr. McCarthy stated that there are way to repair the roof dormer without changing the material to a metal roof. During discussions about the entire scope of the project, Mr. Riggs asked that the fence portion be removed from consideration on his application. Discussions also included expanding the existing garage that is below a porch that is on the east side of the property. Mr. Riggs did not support that request from commission members.

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **REJECT** the Certificate of Appropriateness. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Robert McCarthy and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

### ***Certificate of Appropriateness – 1408 Cosper Ave.***

Commission member Robert McCarthy presented (2) certificate of appropriateness applications for his residence. The first was for modifications to a COA granted in September of 2014. This COA was for a demolition and rebuild of the existing porch instead of the previous COA for porch repairs. The second COA was for window replacement.

A **MOTION** was made by Matthew Wolf to **APPROVE** the certificate of Appropriateness. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Jeffrey Kirk and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-0. (Mr. McCarthy abstained)

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### ***Request for Opinion – 1410 Broadway (National Register Application)***

Valerie Olafson made a presentation to the HPC regarding the submittal of a National Register Application for the property located at 1410 Broadway which will be the new Rockford Police Station.

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to write a letter of support for this application. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Robert McCarthy and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

### ***Landmark Application – 524 Kent and 1005 South Court (Local Landmark)***

Ms. Joyce Higgins made a presentation to the HPC regarding the Booker Washington center. Ms. Higgins explained the merits of the Center and why it should be designated a local landmark based upon it its historic and cultural significance. Mr. Carlson noted that there has been (3) fires at this location and that not much of the actual structure still exists and did not think that the designation met the criteria for landmark designation.

A **MOTION** was made by Robert McCarthy to support acceptance of this application. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Matthew Wolf and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-1. Member Carlson was the only dissenting vote.

### **Communication and staff report**

Staff informed HPC members that the new sign ordinance for National Register Districts is still being worked on by City zoning staff.

Staff also alerted the Commission to a Historic Preservation training program this November, 2015 in Geneva. Staff advised that the City of Rockford would pay the class registration fee.

Staff also introduced the Rockton Historic Preservation Commission that came to observe our proceedings.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business Gary Carlson made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Robert McCarthy and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Submitted by Andrew Pieri – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary